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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

On July 28, 2003, Ms. Terry Dyson of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office called and left a voicemail indicating that the above-referenced patent application's priority claim needed to be clarified to identify how the U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/925,040 claimed the benefit of priority from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/317,695. On July 29, 2003 the undersigned spoke with Ms. Dyson via telephone, and Ms. Dyson asked the undersigned to fax a preliminary amendment clarifying the relationship. Accordingly, this present preliminary amendment is submitted. As shown by the above amendment, the U.S. Patent Application No. 09/925,040 is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/317,695.

Respectfully submitted,

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